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The Bishop's Page

My dear People:

I return this time to the subject of the re-union of Christendom and call your attention to one of the chief factors involved, namely, public worship. In my view, the reunion of Christendom demands a revival of common worship throughout the Church. Liturgical recovery will hasten the restoration of unity.

It should be observed in this connection that Anglicans find it hard to think of public worship except in terms of Liturgy. In this we are a little like the small English boy who could only think of house in terms of garden, a May tree, and a blackbird singing on the May tree. Nothing else was a house to him. One verse runs:

"I went into a house, and it wasn't a house
It has big steps and a great big hall;
But it hasn't got a garden,
A garden,
A garden,
It isn't like a house at all."

This is, however, no mere childish prejudice. It is a true instinct and expresses a profound truth. Liturgy is central to the regular public worship of God. It will also be important to point out in a later article that the Church building, its appearance, its furnishing, its arrangement and the attitude of the people towards it, occupies a central place in public worship. How often have we heard the remark: "It isn't like a church at all!"

The function of the liturgy in worship is clear. In a figure of speech, "the liturgy is a kind of Jacob's ladder; it rests upon the earth and reaches into the heavens." It is designed to make a way by which men may reverently come to God and conversely a way by which God may be expressed to men. Where these two purposes are, in any degree, attained, where the service in all its parts and in all its completeness moves men towards God and shows God moving towards them, the liturgy achieves its divine purpose.

The authoritative witness of the Church is focused in public worship. This is her primary function and her most characteristic activity. The test of a modern service is the same as it was in St. Paul's day—"If there come in one unbelieving or unlearned, the secrets of his heart will be made manifest and he will fall down and worship God, declaring that God is among you in deed." (1st Cor., 14: 25.) In Marius the Epicurean, there is a striking passage which describes the feelings of a young pagan as he saw, for the first time, a Christian congregation at worship—"At least, there was a cleansing and a kindling flame at work in them which seemed to make everything

else Marius had ever known look comparatively vulgar and mean."

These effects of public worship are not attained by conscious efforts to produce them. Nothing is, in fact, more destructive of reality in worship than the deliberate effort to produce an effect upon the worshippers. Such efforts lead inevitably to the kind of services in which the minister thrusts himself, his own ideas of God, his own experiences, even his own prejudices, upon the people. The prayers all become hortatory and the whole service a spiritual entertainment directed towards the people. In the mercy of God the liturgy saves us from such individualistic ministries.

But my immediate concern now is to point out the connection between liturgy and the reunion of Christendom and to try to justify the statement which I made at the beginning, namely, "the reunion of Christendom demands a revival of common worship throughout the Church. Liturgical recovery will hasten unity."

Everywhere the Church is looking for a formula or a principle upon which the Church can be reunited. Church history, as such, gives a confused answer. The reason for this is that Church history concentrates attention upon the Creeds, the Bishops, the Reformation and such like but neglects almost altogether the men and women who through the ages have recited the creeds and said their prayers. The real story of the Church was written by nameless men and women and children at worship. The greatest source of historical continuity is, therefore, to be found in the prayer books of Christendom. In these books the ecclesiastical and theological divisions of the authors from one another are forgotten. Yet we feel ourselves one with them in a common experience for which there is seldom any parallel in our Church histories. This common experience is expressed in the liturgical way of worship which can enter in and possess the traditions of the whole Church of Christ as individualistic services can never hope to do. The liturgy is, in fact, a symbol of unity and continuity psychologically more powerful than either the Creeds or Episcopacy. Do not misunderstand, this is not to say that Creeds and Episcopacy are matters indifferent but rather that they are matters to be discussed and resolved on a different level from that of liturgical worship. The Book of Common Prayer is the possession of all our people and has entered into and possessed the sub-conscious. From its place there it cannot be rooted out by agreements and understandings at the conscious level. The liturgy expresses an atmosphere, an ethos, a feeling, and an

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Editorial

Diocesan Synod

The Seventeenth Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton will convene on Tuesday, February 4th, when clergy and lay delegates from all the parishes in the Diocese will meet to hear the reports of the Church's work, and take part in the discussions. The Synod service will be held in the Cathedral at 8 p.m. on the Tuesday evening, and the Right Reverend W. T. Hallam, Bishop of Saskatoon, has been invited to preach the sermon. All Church people will be welcome to attend this service.

Delegates to the Synod will have the opportunity of discussing some of the matters which were brought up at the General Synod held in Winnipeg last September, and especially the report on the conversations between representatives of our own communion and those from the United Church of Canada. It is most important that our Church people should be familiar with all that is taking place in this regard, and be able to speak with confidence whenever the subject arises in general conversation. Much harm can be done by those who make generalizations which have no basis in actual fact, and sometimes disharmony is spread in place of mutual understanding and friendship. This Seventeenth Synod meets at a

time when there is great activity throughout the whole Diocese, and we hope that enthusiasm and readiness to serve will be manifest throughout the entire conference.

Annual Meetings and Elections

At the time of writing annual congregational meetings are being held in our various parishes. The chief business is the consideration of the reports of the past year, and the election of officers for the ensuing year, and there is seldom time for much more.

In view of the wonderful success of the recent Anglican Advance Appeal it appears fairly certain that many congregations will have reached an all-time high in their financial receipts of the past year, and this should be a matter for thankfulness on the part of all. It will be seen, too, that the Advance Appeal has not affected the regular Church finances as some had doubtless feared.

To all who are chosen for any office in the Church we offer our congratulations, and express the hope that they will discharge their duties as "faithful stewards" of a sacred trust. One can only marvel at the faithfulness and devotion which has characterized the work of our Church people in the many organizations which help to make up the work of the Church, and we hope that spirit of devotion will continue and grow. The success and the importance of any office depends in a large measure on the person who fills that office, and no one should accept office who does not intend to make the job an important one. We may not always succeed to what we attempt to do, but it is not failure but low aim which is the crime.

Alluring Evil

As one reads the newspapers nowadays he may wonder what has become of all the good people. Life seems so startlingly evil, and the evil has been made so attractive. A lot of people seem to feel that we are caught by evil forces. On our highways and in our cities and towns, the darkness of the night is turned to daylight by brilliant neon signs that speak of the glory of night clubs and the exhilarating experience of drinking. Reports from the divorce courts are avidly read by young and old. The columnists of Hollywood continue their daily and weekly grist of evil doings of stars of movieland. Pictures of the more seamy side of life continue to be thrown upon the screens of thousands of movie theatres throughout the country.

Then, too, the writers of script and novelists continue a stream of sensuous writings. The newsstands carry a full line of magazines that border along the line of the obscene. A critic of a recent novelist said that the author's chief accomplishment had been to make sex boring. The endless repetition of moral lapses of men and women is the constant theme of many authors. During a period of war evils fasten themselves upon society. War itself is evil. In the aftermath of wars there is always the danger of great moral and spiritual let-ups. The backwash often leaves Christian people baffled. The problem of crime

among youth puzzles civic authorities. The way of evil is often painted in an alluring way. The good seems dull and the evil luring. The end of the prodigal is not predicted. The evil often appears in the guise of light.

But, good people are interesting, too. The minister must not forget this phase of life. He deals with constructive forces. The regenerating power of the Gospel is his theme. He is commissioned to proclaim the good way of life and do it in an attractive way. He may wonder why more novelists do not explore the heights to which men and women soar, instead of dipping their pens in the mire and muck of things.

There are unsung heroes in every community. There are business men and women in all of our churches who have stood valiantly for truth and right, honesty and fair dealings. Let us not forget that. In public life there are men who are battling for the finest and best traditions of Canadian life. There are young people in all of our communities who are living lives above reproach, and that because they believe in purity and truth.

If it be asked: what do you mean by goodness? then, let us take some of the homely synonymns, such as kind, agreeable, pleasant, honest, honorable, admirable, well-behaved, well-balanced. These are the most attractive things of life. On the pages of the New Testament is revealed the attractiveness of goodness, and that in an age of badness. Here is the story of a man who has faced life under all conditions, and yet has emerged, emerged battle-scarred and broken, but able to say, "I bear branded on my body the owner's stamp of the Lord Jesus" (Moffatt). A Christian business woman appears in the person of Lydia, a seller of purple.

Across the centuries have been men and women who have lived with the great purpose: "Not what can I get out of life?" but, "What can I contribute to life?" Vast sums of money are now being dedicated to God for the rebuilding of a shattered world. Our glory as Christians lies in our kindness without the exercise of which life must always be wretched and unavailing.

Our times challenge men and women to live Christ-like lives. All about us are men and women who are living above the fog and evil and sin. They are entirely too quiescent, but for them business and society would become wholly corrupt. Vast sums of money are contributed, time and effort are given to the rebuilding of a better world—these efforts often go unheralded. Goodness abides, but evil is punished. In the ultimate state of things only righteousness is permanent. This is a theme at once challenging and intriguing. It is set over against the evils of our time.

The Church has not always been attractive, neither has it always led in triumph, the hosts of good people, but in any age the holiest thing living has been the Church. Christianity is worthwhile because of the goodness which it inspires and supports. Belief in the ultimate triumph of good is essential if we are to move against the entrenched stronghold of

evil. Jesus made the Christian way of life attractive. He lived in such a way that sinners and outcasts were attracted to Him. The Christian way of life is still attractive because we are concerned with changing the old order of things, redressing the wrongs of life, protecting the home, educating the youth in Christian ideals, and bringing in a day of righteousness for all men. It is ours to produce a goodly number of people around the globe who will seek "to do justly, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God."—W. FRANKLIN HARKEY. ("The Expositor.")

CALENDAR
FEBRUARY, 1947

- February:
- 2—Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
SEPTUAGESIMA.
 - 9—SEXAGESIMA.
 - 16—QUINQUAGESIMA.
 - 19—ASH WEDNESDAY.
 - 23—1st SUNDAY IN LENT.
 - 24—St. Matthias.

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experience which runs deep and far, carrying the Church back behind the schisms and the bitter doctrinal strifes that have so tragically destroyed the external unity of the Church. Here, if anywhere, is the organ which can symbolize both unity and continuity in the hearts and minds of the ordinary members in all our churches. Liturgy may again be the organ which will witness to the world that there exists in time and space a people of God—one holy catholic and apostolic Church. Hence the importance, for the future of Christendom, of our own Prayer Book. It passes imagination what the consequences might have been for English-speaking Christianity if the followers of John Wesley had marked well his words: "I believe there is no liturgy in the world, either in ancient or modern times, which breathes more solid, scriptural, rational piety than the Book of Common Prayer."

In conclusion it is pertinent to observe that the movement from Church to sect is usually characterized by the rejection of liturgy and that the movement from sect to Church is characterized by the revival of liturgy.

Yours faithfully,

Walter Schuman



DIOCESAN NEWS



Theological Students

Good news has been received from all our students scattered fairly wide at Trinity College, Toronto, St. John's College, Winnipeg, and the Anglican Theological College in Vancouver. All report a happy and successful term.

Mr. Howard Buchner is completing his course this year and will come to the Diocese and will be ordained probably on May 11th, as assistant to the Dean.

We hope that Mr. and Mrs. Bowker will come to the Diocese for mission work during the summer.

Mr. Leo Thurston plans to do secular work this summer in order to better provide for his financial needs next year.

The plans to be followed by the others—Jack Gibbons, Victor Horsman, David Jones and Raymond Clennett, are not yet made.

We all rejoice in this strong contingent preparing themselves for the work of the ministry and extend our heartiest good wishes for a successful and happy New Year.

Vegreville Church

The people of Vegreville have bought the former Presbyterian church in Vegreville and have moved to it for their services. Our Church building there had deteriorated to such an extent that the winter services were a great discomfort to the congregation. Our people there have increased in numbers and there is good prospects that the appointment of a priest will be made in the not too distant future. I am sure the whole Diocese will be glad to know of the forward step. Congratulations!

St. John's, Edmonton

The Bishop will dedicate the new portion of St. John's Church on January 28th. The construction work has been delayed somewhat by lack of material and other considerations, but it is now ready for use and the results are most satisfying.

CONGRATULATIONS

Birth: Born to the Rev. L. M. and Mrs. Watts on January 25th, 1947, at the University Hospital, a daughter, Janette Mayfair.



Miss Arva Stewart

Returns to Edmonton Diocese

Miss Arva Stewart, Girls' Work Supervisor, who returns to this Diocese for two months, commencing February 1st. We are most happy to welcome her "home" again!

Memorials Dedicated at St. Paul's, Provost

On October 27th the Bishop of Saskatoon visited St. Paul's, Provost, to conduct a dedication service. During the summer several additions of note had been made. A stained glass east window was presented by the People's Warden, Mr. Eric Dawson, and Mrs. Dawson; a bell was given and installed in the tower by Mr. W. Holtsbaum; two vestries were added to the church building. The latter were erected chiefly through the efforts of Messrs. E. C. Tregale and E. Dawson, the materials being mainly provided from by a gift from the St. Paul's W.A. At the service the Bishop praised the congregation for the extensive work which had been done, and remarked on the added facilities which were made possible. Bishop Hallam was assisted by the Rev. A. W. Fiske of Provost, and the vicar, the Rev. E. G. Flagg.

DIOCESAN SYNOD PROGRAM

All Saints' Hall

Synod Service, 8 p.m.—All Saints' Cathedral.

Synod preacher to be announced.

Wednesday, Feb. 5th:

Holy Communion, 8.30 a.m.—

All Saints' Cathedral.

Celebrant, the Bishop.

10.00 a.m.—First Session.

The Bishop's Charge.

Note—The Diocesan Synod will continue in traditional order until the work is finished—probably Thursday afternoon. In this connection I am happy and grateful to announce that the Chancellor, the Honourable Mr. Justice Frank Ford, D.C.L., LL.D., has invited Synod to luncheon at the Corona Hotel on Thursday at 12.15 p.m.

News of the Rev. G. Mackey

Friends of the Rev. George Mackey, who served in the mission of Winfield, will be interested to know of his resignation from St. Patrick's Church, Guelph, Ontario, where he also served as chaplain to the Ontario Reformatory there, and his new appointment as Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Jeffersonville, Indiana, U.S.A., in the Diocese of Indianapolis.

All will wish him every success and blessing in new work, which commences February 1st.

Missionary Secretary of S.C.M.

The Rev. Kwang-Hsun Ting, Missionary Secretary of the Canadian Student Christian Movement, will be a visitor in Edmonton from January 23rd to 28th.

He is an ordained clergyman of our Church in China, having been born in Shanghai, and educated at St. John's University, Shanghai, where he graduated with degrees of B.A. and B.D. Later he was a lecturer at St. John's University in Psychology and Religion, and also at Fuh-tan University. For eight years he was student Y.M.C.A. sec'y in China, and for three years pastor of the Community Church, Shanghai.

The Rev. K. H. Ting will be speaking to a number of groups at the University, and will address services at the University on Sunday morning, February 23rd, and at All Saints' on the same evening.



Woman's Auxiliary



THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EDMONTON DIOCESAN BOARD OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

All Saints' Cathedral and Parish Hall, Edmonton, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday,
February 11th, 12th and 13th, 1947

Order of Proceedings

Diocesan President

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11th

All Saints' Cathedral

Theme of Annual: "All with one Accord,"
—Acts 1: 14

10 a.m.: Annual Corporate Communion.

Celebrant and Preacher:

Right Reverend W. F. Barfoot, D.D.,
Bishop of Edmonton.

Presentation of Diocese Thankoffering.

11.15 a.m.: Roll Call, Greetings, and
Announcements.

Welcome: Mrs. R. Christie,
St. Peter's Evening Group.

Reply: Miss Barbara Onions, Lady
Farren Mission, Drayton Valley.

12 noon: Luncheon in Masonic Temple.

1.30 p.m.: All Saints' Hall.

Hymn, Prayers.

Welcome to all delegates: President of
All Saints' W.A.

Review of the Year.

Recording and Corresponding
Secretaries.

President's Address.

Dorcas, Educational Secretaries.

Living Message Secretary.

Council for Social Service Secretary

3.45 p.m.: The Bishop's Hour.

TUESDAY EVENING, ALL SAINTS HALL

7.45 p.m.: Guest speaker, MISS ANNE

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12th All Saints' Hall

9.30-10.30: Life Members' Hour.

Devotional Service and Address:

The Very Rev. A. M. Trendell, D.D.

10.30: Regular session of the whole Board.

Minutes, Correspondence, and
Question Box.

E.C.D., U.T.O., Treasurer.

Report of the Convenor of

Nominations, Mrs. E. Currey.



Mrs. S. F. Tackaberry

Mrs. S. F. Tackaberry, President of the
Diocesan Board of the W.A., who will
preside at the forthcoming Thirty-third
Annual Meeting of the Diocesan W.A.

Consideration of Dominion and
Diocesan Pledges and Appeals.
Sunday School by Post Secretary.

12 noon: Noon-tide Prayers.

Luncheon in Empire Room, H.B.C.

1.30 p.m.: Hymn, Prayers.

Correspondence, Question Box.

Report of Credentials' Committee.

Prayer Partner Secretary.

Candidates' Secretary.

Voting of Funds, Diocesan Thank-
offering.

Offertories, E.C.D.

Revision of Diocesan Constitution.

Guest Speaker: Miss Anne Edgar, R.N.
Deanery W.A. Reports.

Closing of Ballot Box.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION OF WHOLE BOARD

8.00 p.m.: The Service of Youth.
Little Helpers, Juniors, C.B.L.
and Girls' Secretaries.

Resolution 1.

Address by Miss Arva Stewart,
Regional Girls' Supervisor.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13th All Saints' Hall

9.30 a.m.: Celebration of Holy
Communion.

Celebrant, The Very Reverend A. M.
Trendell, D.D.

10 a.m.: Minutes, Correspondence.
Announcement of Officers in 1947.
Question Box.
Reports of Standing Committees.
Hospital Visiting.
St. Catherine's Residence.
Book of Remembrance.
Programme, War Brides.
Press and Publications.
Report of Dominion Annual Meeting,
Mrs. J. W. Robinson.

12 noon: Noon-tide Prayers.
Meeting of New Executive to appoint
Honorary Officers.
Luncheon Hour.

1.30 p.m.: Hymn, Prayers.
Question Box.
Report of Life Members' Secretary.
Unfinished Business.
New Business.
Election of Delegate to Dominion
Annual Meeting.
Votes of Thanks.
Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving
in the Cathedral.
The Very Rev. A. M. Trendell, D.D.
The Rev. Canon C. F. A. Clough
Afternoon Tea in the Cathedral Hall.
Shower of Hospital Supplies.

Notes:

Delegates requiring hospitality are
asked to send their names immediately to

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Neutral Means Anti

By THE REV. DAVID L. GREENE, Emerson, Man.

Its former owner equipped my car with a second battery to give extra power for cold weather starting. A short time ago the batteries ran down and I had them recharged. A week later they were down again. The garage mechanic found that one battery was defective. Its cell walls were disintegrating. It was draining off the energy from the good battery. It not only was failing to do its share but was actually killing the good battery. It was not merely neutral. It was anti.

There was not enough power in both batteries to operate the starter, ignite the gasoline, light the lamps or blow the horn. All the normal functions of my car were suspended because one battery was neutral. Actually it was guilty of subversive action.

During the recent war we learned how neutrality worked against the Allied cause. There was widespread belief that neutral Eire for instance provided comfort to the enemy and hindered the prosecution of the war; that her position of neutrality was really anti.

In the war which the Church wages against evil, nominal Christians who take a neutral stand likewise do positive harm to the Church's cause. They are church people who, while agreeing with her general principles and accepting the benefits which the Church confers, do nothing to promote her work and worship. They wish the Church no harm. They are kindly disposed to the Church's programme. They would be deeply hurt if they were called enemies of the Cross of Christ.

Yet they contribute no power to the Church's arm. They do not start anything, not even a feeble flame of fire in the soul of a friend. They do not raise their voice in defence of religion. They shed no light in the darkness of people's personal problems. The influence of their example is no help in the parson's struggle to make the Church a vital force in the community, it is rather worse than negative, for it is definitely injurious. Their neutrality is anti.

Jesus stated this principle when He said, "He that is not with Me is against Me." He saw how indifference and a negative attitude toward the Kingdom He was founding militated against its success. Nothing less than the strongest dynamic

would keep life and growth in His tiny organism against which a hostile world was pitted.

There was no place in His band for half-hearted followers. He was no doubt sorry when many of His disciples went back and walked no more with Him. Yet in the face of this mass defection He was fearless of the final result when He determined to sift out every last lukewarm follower. He challenged His remaining twelve, "Will ye also go away?" Better half a dozen dependables upon Whom He could count to stand by Him in every circumstance than a multitude of nominal followers who were not whole-heartedly for Him.

One usually thinks of Jesus' purpose in choosing His twelve was to send them forth to teach and preach and baptize in His name. There was a further intention. St. Mark says He ordained twelve that "they should be with Him," and that "He might send them forth to preach." It is significant that St. Mark puts first His purpose that they should be with Him.

The usual interpretation of their being with Him is that He might have their companionship. It seems to me there is a further meaning that they should be with Him in their unqualified support; that in every crisis they would be in there pulling for the Master; that they would never be content with being mere spectators. Certainly He required that every one of them should be a "point of power" to use a phrase from current scientific terminology. He could not afford to retain any who might be neutral, for in the final analysis such would prove to be anti—as in fact did Judas.

One great weakness of the Christian Church today is its backlog of nominals who are sitting back occupied with their own pursuits, vaguely conscious that there is a game in play and appearing only occasionally at a test match. I had a letter recently in which the writer said her rector was telling of a parishioner who remarked to him after an Easter service, "I have not missed an Easter service for the last ten years." To which the rector replied, "But you have missed all the other services." Jesus chose His twelve that they might be with Him—constantly. He did not propose to interrupt His programme periodically for personnel identification.

The occasional worshipper, worker and contributor is not with Christ and His Church in the sense that Jesus meant. His association is casual and incidental. He places the emphasis of his life upon other things. So the mass of his influence is rather away from the Church than with it. So Jesus said, "He that is not with Me is against Me."

In my car the dead battery was neutralizing the effort of the live one. So the inactive Christian neutralizes the work of the active ones. He does not go to the amusement park or the golf links alone. He takes some others with him. The hostess invites her friends for Sunday dinner, at Church service hour; of course she would not be going to Church anyway—but her guests might have gone. The Sunday visitor stays until past church time and keeps the host's family from attending. The man who does not believe in missions persuades his friend to confine his giving to local parish needs. The parishioner whose motto is to "let George do it" when there is a parochial visitation to be made cripples the project at its inception by his example of non-co-operation. So Jesus said, "He that gathereth not with Me scattereth." Neutral means anti.

Anglican Advance aims in the immediate future to change the neutral into a positive. Here the analogy of my non-functioning battery breaks down. The garage man pronounced my battery dead beyond resuscitation. But with a human being it is different. When God breathed His Spirit into His crowning act of creation, man became a living soul. The Almighty lighted a fire which should never be entirely extinguished though at times it may burn very low. Ever there exists a spark which can be fanned into a glowing flame.

This fanning must be done by the co-operation of human agents and Divine power. An illustration of such co-operative action is given in Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones. When the prophet obeyed God's order to say unto the dry bones, "Hear the Word of the Lord," the Lord God caused the dry bones to be rehabilitated and He caused breath to come into the bodies and they lived and stood upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

Our Advance Programme asks men and women of the Church to take the role of the prophet and say to those non-active Anglicans, "Hear the Word of the Lord;" "So God loved the world that He gave

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the Convenor of Hospitality—Mrs. V. Barford, 9703 106th Street, Phone 21273.

Delegates are expected to be in their places ON TIME and TO REMAIN until the close of the Session.

Visit the Literature table and the Youth table for the latest publications for your educational programme.

Each printed copy of the Officers' Annual Report, 10 cents.

All women of the Church are cordially invited to attend the Sessions.

Those who have the right to vote are: Presidents, two delegates, Little Helpers', C.B.L., Juniors', Girls' Secretaries, or their proxies, and Life Members.

Convenor of Nominations: Mrs. E. Currey, 11710 86th Street, Phone 72660.

Resolution No. 1:

"Whereas, one method of financing the supplies necessary for all Little Helpers' branches is to take the required amount from the contents of the Mite Boxes; and


Whereas, according to the prayer taught to all Little Helpers, the contents of their boxes are naturally designated for Missionaries;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the parochial Afternoon and Evening branches pay for the purchase of all supplies procured by their Little Helpers' branches."

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His only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life;" "Come unto Me all that travail and are heavy laden and I will refresh you;" "Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out;" "I am the Bread of life;" "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness."

In proposing this procedure the Advance spiritual committee believes that many thoughtless, indifferent, neutral Anglicans will be transformed by the renewing of their mind regarding God and His Church and become positive, active, fruitful workers and worshippers in the Church. They believe that if devoted, earnest visitors will undertake this piece of personal evangelism for Christ their efforts will be abundantly rewarded, for God has promised that His Word "Shall not return unto Me void but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

Primitive man obtained fire by a labourious process of rubbing two sticks together. He kept the precious fire alive by burning smouldering embers which were later unearthed and fanned into flames. So the Divine spark implanted in man's soul may become but an ember stifled by an overburden of things that are of the earth earthy. Nevertheless it is a sacred fire and it can be made to glow. If men and women interested in the extension of God's Kingdom will do a little pick and shovel work in removing the debris of false criticisms and wrong attitudes towards the Church we may be sure God will cause the smouldering embers to glow.

This near-optimistic view of what often seems a hopeless situation is submitted for the heartening of the discouraged few who year after year carry the burden of the Church; those who feel that the Church is rendered impotent by her host of neutrals because they realize that neutral means anti. It might even influence some reader who is not doing all that he might and move him to go all out for Christ and His Church. Here's hoping!

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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The Council meeting was held this month in Holy Trinity Parish Hall, on January 10th. The business of the past month was discussed, including the very successful play, "Green Stockings," which was presented in All Saints' Parish Hall on December 5th and 6th.

Plans for the A.Y. Leadership Course were discussed. These courses start on January 17th. Mr. Gimbey will give a talk on "Fellowship" at St. Stephen's Church, on January 20th. Communion will be conducted at St. Mary's Church by the Rev. R. S. Faulks. On January 29th Art Potter will give a talk at Holy Trinity on the "Origin of the A.Y.P.A."

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

St. Faith's

The most notable event in this month's activities was our Christmas party, which was held on December 17th in St. Peter's parish hall. I'm sure a good time was

had by all and we wish to thank St. Peter's A.Y. for their help in making the party a success.

Then on one of our edification nights Reg. Roberts, one of our members, gave us a talk on photography.

On January 14th our elections were held. The new executive consists of President, Bill Miller; Vice-Pres., Jean Currey, and Sec.-Treas., Evelyn Ewen.

St. Peter's

St. Peter's A.Y.P.A. spent a very enjoyable evening on the one set aside for edification this month. We had two very interesting films shown to us by a member of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Our work nights this month were spent in decorating the church and parish hall for Christmas season.

Fellowship this month consisted of some enjoyable Christmas parties. The first was a party sponsored by St. Faith's A.Y.P.A. branch on December 17th, in St. Peter's

parish hall. Another was a party put on by St. Stephen's branch on Dec. 27th. A wonderful time was had by all at both parties.

We attended an early morning Communion on Sunday, January 5th, and then had a very nice breakfast afterwards—thanks to our vice-president of Worship.

St. Mark's

Early in January we had an exciting sleighing party. The weather was ideal and many 'teen-agers turned out for the event. With their usual exuberance they piled into the tally-ho and enjoyed a two-hour ride into the country. Choruses and much merry laughter accompanied them. All were in high spirits when they returned to the hall, where they were joined by the older members. A tempting lunch of weiners, buns and tea awaited the hungry arrivals. After the repast, dancing occupied the rest of the evening. A number of novelty dances provided much merriment. The success of the evening was due to the combined efforts of Faith Hawkins and Doug. Gibbs, who were in charge of the kitchen, and Tom Hayden and Brian Hope, who looked after the entertainment. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

BROADCASTING SCHEDULE FOR 1947

JAN.:

5—All Saints'.....	CJCA
12—St. Faith's.....	CFRN
19—Christ Church.....	CJCA
26—	

FEB.:

2—Holy Trinity.....	CJCA
9—St. Faith's.....	CFRN
16—Christ Church.....	CJCA
23—	

MAR.:

2—All Saints'.....	CJCA
9—St. Faith's.....	CFRN
16—Holy Trinity.....	CJCA
23—	
30—Christ Church.....	CJCA

APR.:

6—All Saints'.....	CJCA
13—Holy Trinity.....	CFRN
20—Christ Church.....	CJCA
27—	

MAY:

4—All Saints'.....	CJCA
11—St. Faith's.....	CFRN
18—Holy Trinity.....	CJCA
25—	

JUNE:

1—Christ Church.....	CJCA
8—St. Faith's.....	CFRN
15—Holy Trinity.....	CJCA
22—	
29—Christ Church.....	CJCA

JULY:

6—All Saints'.....	CJCA
13—St. Faith's.....	CFRN
20—Christ Church.....	CJCA
27—	

AUG.:

3—All Saints'.....	CJCA
10—St. Faith's.....	CFRN
17—Holy Trinity.....	CJCA
24—	
31—Christ Church.....	CJCA

SEPT.:

7—All Saints'.....	CJCA
14—St. Faith's.....	CFRN
21—Holy Trinity.....	CJCA
28—	

OCT.:

5—All Saints'.....	CJCA
12—Christ Church.....	CFRN
19—Holy Trinity.....	CJCA
26—	

NOV.:

2—All Saints'.....	CJCA
9—St. Faith's.....	CFRN
16—Holy Trinity.....	CJCA
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The Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land

By THE REV. T. C. B. BOON, B.A.

I.

The first Provincial Synod in Eastern Canada came into being by an Act of the Crown exercising Royal prerogatives. The formation of the Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land was an Act of the Church. The extension of missionary work in the original Diocese of Rupert's Land made such progress in three definite directions after the appointment of Bishop Machray to the Diocese in 1865, that its division became a pressing necessity. No one person could undertake the burden of the work localized in the Red River Settlement, the Indian missions around James Bay, the combined Indian and white settler work in what is now Northern Saskatchewan, and the far-distant and far-scattered area along the MacKenzie River. By 1873, with the consent of the English missionary societies, who were largely responsible for providing the funds, the arrangements for the proposed division were so far advanced that the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land, which met on January 8th of that year, was able to pass a canon defining the limits of the new dioceses. The second clause in this canon provided, "That the dioceses thus formed be an Ecclesiastical Province to be called the Province of Rupert's Land," while the third clause stated, "That as soon as the new dioceses or at least two of them have been organized by the appointment of bishops, a Provincial Synod to represent the whole Church in Rupert's Land be convened by the Bishop of Rupert's Land.

In his address to this Synod, Bishop Machray remarked that the formation of these bishoprics would enable, by means of the bishops and clerical and lay delegates from each diocese, to obtain a thorough and effective representation of the whole Church in Rupert's Land and would put it into a position to proceed practically to self-government. He outlined the temporary measures necessary to determine the organization of the Church. Until these were arranged, the new bishops would hold the same position to himself as Suffragan Bishops did to the bishops in England. In Letters Patent founding the See of Rupert's Land, the Crown had reserved power to divide the Diocese with the consent of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Rupert's Land for

the time being, but that had referred to a time when there was no legislature in the country. The position had now changed, and the Crown would not issue new Letters Patent. The new bishops, therefore, would have their authority from the Church alone. The bishop further stated that he had been advised by two eminent counsel in England that at present it was not desirable for him to resign by deed his rights as Bishop of Rupert's Land over the new Sees. These rights, however, would lie dormant and the Church in Rupert's Land would provide an organization for the new dioceses and a constitution under which the bishops would have due authority. He pointed out the temporary course of procedure would lie in consulting those who supplied the funds for the Bishopric and sent out the missionaries; that the assent of the Archbishop of Canterbury and himself would also be required and that the consent of the Crown would lie in the issuing of Royal License for the consecration in England.

In 1875, a brief Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land met on June 10th, and was informed by Bishop Machray that it met under new circumstances. The dioceses fore-shadowed in the canon of 1873 had been organized by the appointment of bishops and their consecration in England, and were known as the Bishoprics of Moosonee, Saskatchewan and Athabasca. The meeting of the Provincial Synod was to be held in Winnipeg in August, and that the chief business of this Synod was to elect clerical and lay delegates to it. Seven clerical and seven lay delegates with three substitutes of such order were then elected, and this closed the business of the Synod.

The first Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land met on August 3rd, 1875. In his charge, Bishop Machray first expressed the hope that the delegates had met together with an earnest seeking after the light and teaching of the Holy Spirit to determine the form of their future organization. The Bishop of Athabasca had found it out of his power to be with them, but he had communicated his views and would be a consenting party to the draft of a constitution which had been made by the other bishops. Owing to the late introduction of clergy into the new dioceses, it

had not proved convenient for the clergy of the dioceses to leave them, and, consequently, two of the dioceses would not be represented in the "house of delegates." The representatives of the Diocese of Rupert's Land would therefore have to study the more carefully what might be for the interests of the whole Province. He discussed the origin of the Provincial Synod and said that the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Tait), while he had been instrumental in bringing the formation of it to such a successful conclusion, had also given his express consent to its formation. Bishop Machray questioned whether it would ever be desirable for the Western dioceses to be incorporated in one Provincial system, with either Eastern Canada or British Columbia, though they might have sometime a council or assembly for the whole Dominion. While progress of the country might make intercourse more easy and lessen differences of condition, it would vastly increase population and multiply local problems. At present, their circumstances were exceptional. The interests of their dioceses were so bound up with each other, politically as well as religiously, and above all it was absolutely necessary that the great societies, upon which throughout they at present mainly depended, should have the fullest confidence that any provincial action would be suited to the circumstances and exigencies of the work. The bishop warned the members of the Synod that the most important point in the Constitution would be the representation and voting of the dioceses in the house of delegates. It would have to be borne in mind that the objective of the Provincial Synod was not to legislate for local matters, but for questions affecting the whole Province, and he reminded them that dioceses far distant from Winnipeg were interested in this. It did not seem

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I Believe in the Holy Catholic Church

By THE REV. F. A. PEAKE, L.Th., M.R.S.L.

XIII—Henry I and Anselm

It will be remembered that the parochial system as we know it had originated in the seventh century as a result of the work of Archbishop Theodore ("The Edmonton Churchman," August, 1946). To this system Archbishop Lanfranc added rural deans and archdeacons as officers for the supervision of clergy and people in designated areas within the diocese. Although this has continued ever since as the normal form of church government complications arose after the death of William the Conqueror because of the development of feudalism. An interesting picture of life and social usage of the time is to be found in Charles Kingsley's "Hereward the Wake." Outstandingly clear is the fact that everyone was somebody's man. In earlier days the parish priest had been the man of his lord, and in the ascending scale the bishops were the men of the King. The growth of the papacy, however, led to the development of a rival feudal system, clerical throughout. The parochial clergy became the bishop's men and so they have continued. The secular lord's position remained unaltered. His right to nominate the parish priest was unaffected but once appointed and instituted by the bishop the priest's allegiance was (and is) to his diocesan.

In England (although not on the continent) the two feudal systems both culminated in the same apex—the king. Needless to say the bishops of Rome insisted that all clerics owed allegiance to them without regard for any secular authority, and this led to many disputes in the period with which we are dealing. While William the Conqueror remained on the throne there was little difficulty, since he was strong enough to quell any misdirected allegiance. With the accession of his younger son, Henry I, and the appointment of Anselm as Archbishop of Canterbury the difficulties increased.

The Bishops of Rome were determined to bring all Christendom under their power and to this produced some documents generally known as the "False Decretals." These purported to be letters from the earliest bishops of Rome attempting to prove that in primitive times the Church of Rome ruled all other Churches, and that this authority had been given by

Christ Himself. The decretals were no more than impudent forgeries. This much one could understand since such forgeries were common in the middle ages. For people who have not assimilated the basic casuistry of Roman theology, however, it is difficult to see why extracts from the decretals should be found in current text books as part of the law of the Roman communion today.

St. Anselm

St. Anselm, who became Archbishop in 1093, is generally recognized as a saint and undoubtedly in his private and devotional life he was the soul of piety. Unfortunately, like some other saints, he was decidedly impractical. Moreover, he was a foreigner, with little understanding of England or England's Church. His continental training and upbringing (like Lanfranc, his predecessor, he had been Abbot of Bec) led him to uphold the supremacy of the Roman See. Naturally, in such a case, he felt no sympathy for or loyalty to the Church of England as such.

King William I, as we have said, did not compel Britain to become Norman, but rather he himself became an Englishman. He and his sons introduced Norman bishops, Norman abbots, and Norman secular barons, but they, like their kings, "realized their new position as Englishmen by adoption, entering immediately on all the claims of their predecessors, and declaring that, so far as their power went, the Churches they espoused should suffer no detriment." Anselm did not enter into that patriotic spirit. He recognized no law which was opposed to that of Rome.

As a result, he involved the Church of England in a submission to the Church of Rome which she had never known before and which, unhappily, was to continue for four hundred years.

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equitable to put all dioceses on the same basis of representation, and there might be times when it would be impossible for a particular diocese to be represented. He suggested that these difficulties might be overcome by voting by dioceses, or the Acts of Synod only being made provincial until the diocesan Synods had consented. Another important and difficult question was going to be that of the appointment of bishops. Peculiar care had to be exercised in the case of the Bishopric of Rupert's Land, because the trusteeship of the endowment was not in their own hands, and though ultimately there might be no objection to the diocesan Synod having the appointment, they had to see that the arrangements now made would be such as would be approved by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Leith trustees. He hoped that for the present this problem would be deferred, as in a few years the "mind" of the Church might be more made up to the best solution of the difficulty. This course would also have the advantage of deferring the appointment of the Metropolitan till the subject had been more fully considered. He commended this question to the solemn consideration of the house of delegates, for he was sure that all must feel that the Bishopric was not to be treated simply as a prize.

Bishop Machray concluded his charge by reading an extract from a letter from his predecessor, Bishop Anderson, who after commenting upon the progress which had been made since his own appointment, not quite twenty-six years before, said, "I can only look on from a distance and pray, and endeavour to be with you in spirit. Too grateful I cannot be to Almighty God for having spared me and permitted me to behold in the flesh and hear of so mighty a stride in what was as the wilderness, and which now in so many parts begins to bud and blossom. What a change in the half century! How great a change in the quarter century! How mighty a one in your own ten years! Surely the Lord hath done great things whereof we rejoice."

The first act of the house of delegates was to elect the Venerable Abraham Cowley, Archdeacon of Cumberland, as Prolocutor. Archdeacon Cowley had then served for thirty-four years as a missionary in Western Canada (since 1841), and was the senior clergyman in the Province.

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World Conference of Christian Youth

1. The Setting and Purpose of the Conference

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Such is the official statement of the purpose of the World Conference of Christian Youth, which will be held in Norway, in July, 1947. Some fifteen hundred young people, all under the age of thirty, will attend this Conference which has been initiated by the World Council of Churches and other world Christian organizations. In a sense, it is a follow-up of the Conference held at Amsterdam in 1939. There young people of seventy different nations met with the clouds of war already dark over their heads and asserted their faith in the Victorious Christ. Now after seven years of separation, suffering and silence they feel the need to meet again and to relate their faith to the tremendous problems that arise in a world that has been through the fiery furnace of a global war. Oslo, 1947, will be no mere haphazard get-together of young people to bolster up their enthusiasm in an emotional setting. Many of the delegates will bring to the Conference a faith that has undergone the severest tests during their adolescent years. They will have suffered the loss of material possessions, will have witnessed the death and sometimes the torture of their dearest relatives; they will be stripped of all outward marks of the favour and goodness of God and yet will be there to assert their faith in His sovereign power and their belief in His ultimate victory. Such delegates will not be concerned with mere words and phrases. They will be eager to get down to the root of things and out of the depths of their experience to face the challenge of the contemporary scene. Others will come with a contribution built up in a different context—delegates from countries so recently our enemies,

striving to relate their Christian faith and its implications to the psychology of a conquered people; Chinese delegates from a country still torn by civil war; Indians straight from the greatest national upheaval in their country's history. For none of these is Christianity a conventional religion, accepted without examination and held to through the influence of custom and environment. It is a precious possession that has survived the ordeal of confusion, bewilderment and unpopularity, the Rock to which they have been able to cling when all else has dissolved into a state of flux.

The realistic nature of the Conference shows itself in the preparatory literature. Ten preliminary questions have been prepared to be studied by youth groups between now and next July. Against the background of these studies, the delegates will be able to interpret to the Conference something of the thinking of the young people of their respective countries. A list of these questions will show quite clearly the issues that are uppermost in the thinking of young people:

1. How is Christ overcoming the world?
2. Who decides what is good and evil?
3. Can the Bible help us in our concrete decisions?
4. Is man the slave of his inventions?
5. Must individual freedom and social justice clash?
6. Must Society be built upon the Family?
7. On what basis is world order possible?
8. Are the Churches beyond repair?
9. Can the Churches really unite?
10. Can the Church avoid being Utopian or Escapist?

These questions indicate some very penetrating thinking and an honest answer to them will tax the minds of all who try to give one. It is around these questions that the programme of the Conference has been built up, and for the most part, the delegates will divide themselves into groups to discuss these and kindred topics.

A great deal of the leadership will come from the young people themselves, but there will also be addresses by speakers of international reputation. The list is not

yet complete, but it includes W. A. Visser't Hooft, Bishop Berggrav, D. T. Niles, and Reinhold Niebuhr—certainly a list that is suggestive of inspiration.

The significance of this Conference for us in Canada will be the subject of a second article. Like other nations, we have been invited to take part and our share of delegates is forty. Of these the majority will be chosen by the Churches, and the remainder by the Y.M.C.A., the Y.W.C.A. and the S.C.M. It is to be hoped that every facility will be given to our delegates to take part in the Conference, and that a group will be chosen who can both contribute the Canadian viewpoint to the thinking of the young people of the world and can bring back to us something of the stimulus which must come out of a gathering of this kind.



Broadcasting

- FEB.:
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16—CHRIST CHURCH.....CJCA
- MAR.:
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THE REV. E. S. OTTLEY

Christmas has come and gone since our last notes were published, and we face the beginning of a New Year with confidence and faith. But we must first record the inspiration of the services at Christmas time. On December 22nd we held our Annual Carol Service, which was attended by a larger congregation than for many years past. The enjoyment of the service was increased by the singing of the Children's Choir, which, though small, delighted the congregation by their singing of three special carols. The services on Christmas Eve and Christmas were marked by the usual large congregations.

Early in January we co-operated with Robertson and Wesley United Churches in the observance of the Universal Week of Prayer. Services were held on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of that week in Robertson, Christ Church and Wesley, the clergy of the three churches taking part. On the whole the response of our people was very encouraging.

On Friday evening, January 10th, the Vestry were hosts to the Junior Sidesmen, who assist the regular Sidesmen at the Sunday services. They have now organized under the leadership of Curtis Hansford as chairman, with Jack Higgins as vice-chairman. An excellent dinner was provided by the W.A., and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all.

The annual sleigh ride of the Junior church took place on Friday, January 17. An almost perfect attendance of the boys and girls was recorded, and a hilarious evening was brought to a close with refreshments in the parish hall.

The Annual Meeting of the congregation was held on Monday evening, January 20th. Among the various of business dealt with were the following: The annual Statement showed the total givings of the congregation for current expenses during the year as about \$12,000, in addition to which some \$9,000 was paid in cash on our Advance Appeal Objective of \$12,432. Mr. D. W. F. Richardson was appointed as Rector's Warden, succeeding Mr. C. H. Chapman, who has retired after completing twenty-five years' service on the Vestry. Mr. R. P. Blakey was re-elected People's Warden. The Vestry for 1946 is as follows: Messrs. L. B. Adams, P. G. Brown, E. H. Carson, R. W. Chapman, H. C. Cooper, H. T. Emery, E. H. T. Gahan, F. H. King, F. W. Purkis, W. F. Stevenson, W. V. Wilkin and Dr. W. R. B. Wilson. Lay Delegates to the Synod: Messrs. C. H. Chapman, H. T. Emery, G. H. Linney, D. W. F. Richardson, F. S. Rowsell. Reports of the organizations showed general progress all along the line. The meeting adopted the recommendation of the Vestry that a Tablet be erected to the memory of the late Mr. R. H. Cautley, who for 26 years served as People's Warden. Considerable discussion on a War Memorial resulted in a resolution that a Memorial be established to take the form of a Scholarship for the assistance of candidates for the ministry, and a tablet

to be erected in the church bearing the names of those of the congregation who gave their lives during the past war. The details are left to a committee, who will report their findings later and proceed to set up the fund required. The meeting closed with the serving of refreshments by the women of the church.

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The Christmas season came and went all too quickly, but we have the happiest memories of the fine services and the excellent music. The Sanctuary Guild is to be commended for the work of decorating the church so beautifully for the Festival. The Choir sang carols on the Sunday before Christmas, and the cantata, "Bethlehem," on the Sunday after Christmas. We were happy to welcome the Bishop at the Christmas Eve celebration, when there was a record number of communicants.

January is the month of annual meetings, and most organizations have elected officers for the year, and heard some splendid reports of the past year's activities.

Mothers' Union: At the meeting held at the home of Mrs. Goodwin, the following were elected: Pres., Mrs. Young; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Mison; Sec., Mrs. Goodwin; Treas., Mrs. Wood.

Sanctuary Guild: Mrs. W. F. Browne was re-elected President, with Mrs. R. Wood as Vice-Pres. Mrs. Evans continues as Sec.-Treas.

Parish Guild: Mrs. Lord was re-elected President, and Mrs. C. B. Rich was chosen Vice-Pres. Mrs. Hawe and Mrs. Proctor were re-elected Secretary and Treasurer respectively. An afternoon of bridge has been arranged for late January, at the Empire Room.

W.A.: Mrs. W. Hammett was re-elected President. Mrs. Molloy and Mrs. McGregor were chosen Vice-Presidents. Mrs. L. Roberts is Secretary, and Mrs. Manahan was re-elected Treasurer. The branch was unanimous in its desire to present Life Memberships to both Mrs. Earley and Mrs. Molloy, and a special service is to be held at the end of January. A Tea is to be held at the Hudson Bay Co's. Empire Room on January 18th.

Young Woman's Fellowship: Mrs. D. L. Fowler is the new President, and Mrs. B. Taylor and Mrs. B. Roberts are Vice-Presidents. Mrs. A. Sherwin is the Secretary, and Mrs. Porter again becomes Treasurer.

Men's Club: The January meeting is to hear an address by Ross Sheppard on the subject of Edmonton School problems. Election of officers will also be held.

G.A. and J.W.A.: The two organizations will hold a joint Tea on St. Valentine's Day.

Choir: Mr. T. Walton was elected President, with Mrs. Manahan Vice-Pres.; Noreen Sharp, Secretary; and Mr. H. Cable, Treasurer.

Visitors: We should like to record our pleasure at having Canon Crane-Williams as a guest preacher on January 12th.

Thanks—The Rector wishes to thank all who contributed so generously to the Christmas offertory.

Confirmation: Classes for adults and for students will be commencing shortly. Will those desirous of being confirmed please give their names to the Rector.

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ST. FAITH'S

THE REV. L. M. WATTS

Our first news this month is to place on record a happy Christmas festival. The festival for us began with the Carol Services on the Sunday before. The services were marked by hearty congregational singing. We are grateful to the choirs for their part in the services. The senior choir struck the note of preparation as they sang the anthem, "Let Us Now Go Even Unto Bethlehem." We also record our thanks to those who helped in decorating the church for the occasion, and to Mr. Mattison for his donation of the tree.

On Christmas Day we were glad of the help of Canon Webster. Canon and Mrs. Webster, Marguerite and Ann were guests at the rectory over the festival. Owing to the failure of their coal supply they had been forced to leave their mission work among the Eskimos at Coppermine, and they were on their way to England for a vacation. The rector and Mrs. Watts are grateful to Sister Isabel for providing sleeping accommodation for the girls.

The rector takes this opportunity of thanking the congregation for the generous Christmas offering.

The Sunday School Christmas parties were held on the Monday before Christmas. Children up to eight years came at 4.30 in the afternoon. After an enjoyable picture show they had their supper in the hall, and soon after that Santa came and distributed the gifts. The younger ones left at seven o'clock and the older ones came at 7.30. After a boisterous sleigh ride they came back to the hall for hot soup and other refreshments. Our thanks to the teachers for their work in arranging the parties.

The Sunday School teachers met on January 13th to accept the resignation of Mr. J. E. Smith. Mr. Smith has been on the teaching staff for the past three years and has also been our treasurer. Mrs. Smith has also worked in the Sunday School in the Beginners' department. We are sorry to see them go from the parish, and we wish them happiness in their new home on the south side.

During the Week of Prayer the rector gave the address at Delton Baptist Church on the Wednesday evening, and Major Clitheroe spoke in our church on the Thursday evening.

Group activities during the month included a bowling party by the young married couples on December 28th, and a Bible study evening by the Koinonians on January 15th. The latter is to be a monthly feature.

The annual meeting of the Afternoon W.A. was held on January 8th. It was a very happy meeting and the results of the year's work were most encouraging. Congratulations to Mrs. H. Davis, the retiring president, and to all the members who supported her during the year. Election of officers resulted as follows: Pres., Mrs. W. Pattison; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. H. Davis; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. E. Davey; Treas., Mrs. G. Jackson; Sec., Mrs. M. O. Mutter; E.C.D., Mrs. Pryor; U.T.O., Mrs. Field; Educ. Sec., Mrs. Currey; Little Helpers, Mrs. Palmer; Girls' Leader, Miss

P. Pryor; Junior Leader, Miss C. Douglas; Social Service, Mrs. Douglas; Dorcas, Mrs. Flesher; Fancy Work, Mrs. Cromb and Mrs. Hutt; Aprons, Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Hargreaves; Red Cross, Mrs. Mutter; Prayer Partner, Mrs. Parlee; Hospital Visitor, Mrs. Douglas; Tea Convener, Mrs. Cole; Living Message, Mrs. W. McDonald; Press, Mrs. Hutt; Pianist, Mrs. Brown.

On the evening of January 8th reports of the Evening W.A. were given by the officers. We record our appreciation of the work of the retiring president, Mrs. W. Shillabeer, and of all the members. The reports revealed that a great deal of work had been done on the study book during the year.

The Rev. F. A. Peake preached at the evening service on January 5th.

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

Since this congregation came under the care of the rector of St. Faith's at the beginning of December services have been held every Sunday morning at 9.30, and while the attendance has not been large it has been steady. This is most encouraging, because it provides a good foundation on which to build. We look for steady growth of the church's work in this part of the city.

The Sunday School Christmas concert and party was held on December 28th. A Sunday School with an enrolment of nearly seventy speaks well for the future. Good wishes to Mrs. O. Byers and the teachers in their great work.

The annual congregational meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Currey on January 17th. Following the reports of the year's work, Mr. C. J. Adams was appointed rector's warden and Mr. S. A. Noble was elected people's warden. Appreciation was expressed of the work of Canon Matthews who has helped to keep the congregation together during the past years. Mr. S. A. Noble was elected as delegate to Synod. The outlook for the future was marked by warm enthusiasm. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by Mrs. Currey.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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THE REV. W. E. HARRISON

On Christmas Eve we held the first service in the new church. It was a fitting occasion—the anniversary of the day when men first gathered to worship the Christ Child of Bethlehem, and two days prior to the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. It was a service we will long remember, and was marked by the attendance of a capacity congregation.

The Sunday School Christmas party although held on perhaps the coldest day of the year, was well attended and proved a great success. Following supper, the children enjoyed a moving picture, and a concert in which each class participated. The evening ended with a visit from Santa Claus, who distributed candy and oranges to everyone present. We are most grateful to "Santa Claus" for his visit to St. John's, and we extend to him our sincere thanks.

During the Christmas holidays some of the senior girls of the Sunday School organized a group of choristers, and went about singing Christmas carols. This was done on the initiative of the girls themselves, in an effort to raise some money for the building fund of the church. They made a very fine contribution, and we are all proud of the way in which they have shown their love for God's house.

As these notices are being written the workmen are busy finishing the interior decorating the church. This we hope will be completed in another week or so. The

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women of the W.A. and the Guild are providing new sanctuary and chancel furnishings, all of which we hope to have soon. The Dedication Service is planned for January 28th, at 8 p.m., at which we look forward to having our Bishop with us and a number of guests from other parishes in the Diocese.

The annual meeting was held on January 14th; the reports that were presented indicate that 1946 was a year of progress for St. John's. It was a year of re-establishment or rehabilitation, both for the parish and for its rector. We have started our church building program and have enlarged the number on our parish list. We look forward in the coming year to continuing this work and to increasing the organization in the parish.

The following members were elected to office: Mr. F. G. Chapman, People's Warden; members of the Vestry, Mr. W. R. Evans, Mr. G. Montgomery, Mr. L. Thomas, Mr. R. Johnson, Mr. W. Rorke, Mr. G. A. Miller, Mr. P. Greenwood, Mr. R. C. Warren. Mr. F. Tomlinson was named as Rector's Warden. Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. Miller and Mr. Montgomery were elected as lay delegates to Synod.

Baptism: On Sunday, December 29th, Margaret Noreen, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ross Kelly. Godparents, Mr. R. C. Sheldon, Mrs. Kelly (Sr.) and Miss Kay.

ST. MARY'S

THE REV. W. T. ELKIN

W.A.: The Senior or Afternoon Group met in the parish hall Monday afternoon, the 13th, to hold their annual meeting. Reports were presented by the retiring officers, all of which proved to be entirely satisfactory. The following election of officers for 1947 was made: Hon. Presidents, Mrs. J. McComas, Mrs. M. Derbyshire, Mrs. N. Glazier; President, Mrs. W. Croft; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. H. Cuff; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. Robinson; Sec., Mrs. R. Collier; Treas., Mrs. T. C. Gittins; Juniors' Supt., Mrs. J. Robinson; Dorcas Supt., Mrs. R. Evans; Needlework Supt., Mrs. M. Brown; Prayer Partner, Mrs. R. Collier; Social Service, Mrs. E. H. Pallister; U.T.O. and E.C.D., Mrs. E. Bradshaw; Living Message, Mrs. M. Henderson; Flower Fund, Mrs. E. World; Educ. Sec., Mrs. Cyril Baines; Hospital Visitor, Mrs. W. Kent.

Any ladies in the parish who are interested in this department of the church's work would be cordially welcomed as members of the Auxiliary. Meetings are held alternate Monday afternoons, at 2.30 in the parish hall, notice of which is given in the local papers under "Club Calendar."

ST. STEPHEN'S

THE REV. C. E. F. WOLFF

Young people's work in the parish of St. Stephen has now advanced to the point where there is some young people's activity every evening of the week. A Junior branch of the A.Y.P.A. was formed in January, held its first meeting on Friday evening, January 17th, and will meet regularly on Friday evenings at 7.30 hereafter to which an invitation to all young people is extended.

The Senior A.Y.P.A. continues to be active and helpful, and, amongst other activities, sponsored the movies at the church social on Sunday, January 12th.

January 12th saw the church parade of Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies at which the Very Reverend the Dean preached a most appropriate sermon based on the novel, "Luck of Roaring Camp." This service was also made the occasion for the rector's investiture, by H. B. Holloway, executive commissioner of the Alberta provincial command, as chaplain of the St. Stephen's group.

The Church School Christmas party was held on Saturday, December 28th, and the Junior Choir were the rector's guests at a Christmas party on December 22nd.

Christmas services consisted of a midnight Eucharist on Christmas eve, two carol services, including the Festival of the Nine Carols, on the Sunday before Christmas and on the Sunday evening after Christmas by the combined Junior and Senior Choirs.

The utmost in appreciation is due to the organist and director of the choir, Mrs. J. A. Swaffield, for her devout and unstinted service to the parish and to the choir, whose annual meeting resulted in election of the following officers: President, J. A. Swaffield; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. J. B. Watson and H. Horton who was also elected Treasurer; Secretary, Miss Margaret Wright; Wardrobe Mistress, Mrs. T. J. Jones; Librarians, J. Clarke and Miss Lenore Hanson.

The calendar of services: Sundays, Holy Communion, 9 a.m.; Church School, 10 a.m.; Sung Eucharist, 11 a.m.; Evensong, 7.30 p.m. Week-days: Holy Communion, Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 8 a.m., Wednesdays at 10 a.m.; Evensong daily at 5.30 and Saturdays at 7.30 p.m.

ST. PETER'S

THE REV. R. S. FAULKS

Remember the various opportunities of worship and communion that are yours in this parish church. Holy Communion at 8.30 a.m. every Sunday, also on the third Sunday at 11 a.m.; Morning Prayer at 11 a.m. every Sunday except the 3rd Sunday; Evening Prayer at 7.30 on the 2nd and 4th Sundays in each month. Sunday School every Sunday—Senior at 11 a.m., and Junior at 12.30 noon.

Our Choir has had some very good seasons but none can have been better than the present one, under the direction of our genial leader, Mr. Harry Taylor. All the members are enjoying their practises, and certainly do well by the music for the services and the anthems; of particular note was the rendition of "Hear My Prayer," given the Sunday before Christmas. And we did appreciate the solo work and assistance given by Miss Beth Johnson. Among other memorable performances of the choir: the carol service is worthy of special mention, as any person present in the large congregation can surely justify.

Several beautiful gifts have been made to the church lately. The Evening Branch of the W.A. have presented a handsome new chalice and paten; new cruets have

been provided; in memory of her mother, Elizabeth Elrick, Miss Elsie Elrick has given a silver bread box; "Pat." Solway's parents have sent a much needed font ewer; and in memory and honor of their son, Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Cruikshank have provided a new three-way picture projector to the parish. These gifts have been most gratefully received and were dedicated at the Holy Communion Service by the Bishop, on the 19th January.

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The annual meeting was an event of much joy, for it was the occasion of healthy reports from all departments of parish activity. All present felt much cause for thankfulness that the parish has been enabled to do these things and in addition, to do the work of the Advance assigned to it, as well as give a lift to the Rectory Building Fund. These matters gave good heart for the work of the ensuing year. Mr. R. A. McMullen accepted the post of Rector's Warden, and Mr. L. A. Exham that of People's Warden. Elected to the Vestry were Messrs. J. Hodgson, G. Edgecombe, A. J. Brown, F. Niblett, C. H. Guy, E. Ledgard, N. C. Lyster, R. Goddard, Dr. E. L. Stone, J. Eastwood, J. Williams.

The Ladies' Guild has had a very busy year, and was happy to have the big concluding event such a success, namely, the annual bazaar. They have been enabled to add considerably to the building fund, and do appreciate the many who have helped in any way to make the year past so worthwhile.

At the annual meeting of the W.A. there was a very good attendance, and welcomed to the meeting was the Diocesan President, Mrs. S. F. Tackaberry. After much thoughtful deliberation, it was decided to have two W.A. meetings a month, one of which would be exclusively for the missions aspect of the work, and the other would be devoted to parish activities, which latter affairs had been previously taken care of by the Ladies' Guild. It is hoped that working in this way both departments will benefit, and the general interest of the women of the parish considerably enlivened.

The "Advance" has meant much to the members of this parish, and all branches of the work have new opportunities in the year ahead. For the blessings of the year past we shared in the great act of thanksgiving on the 12th January.

Rector and Vestry would like to express appreciation to those clergy who have assisted the parish lately, and in particular Dean Trendell, Archdeacon Tackaberry and Canon Clough.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday church services are: Evening Prayer every Sunday but the second, when it is the Holy Communion at 10 a.m.; Sunday School is held every Sunday at 11 a.m.

First of all a word of appreciation to those clergy—Archdeacon Tackaberry and Canon Clough—who took the services during the absence of the Vicar in the month of November, and also to Mr. R. C. Clennett who has kindly given a hand in this respect, too.

Early in December the W.A. had the annual bazaar, which was a most successful affair, most gratifying to the ladies and a source of satisfaction to all those who in any way contributed to making it such a notable event.

All W.A. workers will rejoice with this branch in that they have been enabled to have again a Little Helpers' group and a Junior W.A. The W.A. also, during the past year and with the help of the Altar Guild, did much work in the A.A.A., and

had a pleasant evening's entertainment for members of the congregation returned from active service.

The Vestry has had a busy year, too, and record among other things the conclusion of work in making the church basement and the installation of gas heating in the three buildings. The year closed with all accounts paid up and a balance in all accounts. An increasing sense of responsibility for the maintenance of the church and the extension of its work is reflected in the subscriptions by envelope. This year past, current parochial givings were more than the total income of the parish six years ago! Excellent reports were received from all departments of the parish's activity at the annual meeting. Messrs. E. S. Cooper and W. E. Briggs continue as wardens, and on the Vestry are: Messrs. T. M. Knight, J. Moore, F. W. Wilson, T. P. Atkinson and Kenneth Anderson.

After a very happy Christmas eve service we were sorry to discover that Mrs. Cockroft's sister, visiting from near Wainwright, had had the misfortune to have her car stolen during the service. Later reports indicated that it had been found and considerably damaged. We sincerely hope that this will be set right, and deeply regret that it happened at all, and particularly Christmas eve.

Two services well remembered of late were the carol service on the Sunday after Christmas, when all the old familiar carols and hymns were sung, and the 12th of January thanksgiving for the blessings that have come to us from our Heavenly Father through the "Advance" of the Church.

The Altar Guild has had an active year in helping the W.A. on many occasions and in keeping the church clean and decorated on festive days and seasons. It is good to learn that in addition to these duties the group has decided to take up W.A. membership and work. They will be a real enforcement to the ranks of that great company of women who are enabling the Church to better do her work, both at home and abroad.

ST. PAUL'S, JASPER PLACE

THE REV. N. J. GODKIN

The most important event in St. Paul's during the past few months was the presentation of Mrs. J. Dallamore of a Diocesan Life Membership in the W.A., in recognition of her devoted service to the parish since its early days. The presentation was made at the W.A. corporate communion on the first Sunday in December, which was observed also as the St. Andrewside Day of Prayer. Mrs. S. F. Tackaberry, Diocesan President, and Mrs. H. P. Reid, Diocesan Secretary-Treasurer of the W.A., officiated at the presentation, with Mrs. Dinwoodie representing the Evening Group and Mrs. L. Kvittum the Afternoon branch of the W.A. The Life Membership was the gift of the two W.A.'s and the pin was given by Mrs. Bentley of Kenya Colony, daughter of Mrs. H. P. Reid.

The Christmas services were brightened by the choir, which practised diligently for some time before.

The Sunday School Christmas party was as well attended as such parties

usually are, and the children had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Mrs. C. Karran with Mrs. J. Dallamore, Mrs. Sharpe and Mrs. C. Campbell was in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Kvittum played the piano for the carol singing. Alan New ran the lantern projector, and Mr. J. Murray was a busy man, too. Santa Claus had some difficulty in making an entry until rescued from the misdirected watchfulness of the Karran dog, but once inside his popularity knew no bounds and his accent showed that he must have taken off from Scotland.

ST. GEORGE'S, FORT. SASK.

THE REV. W. W. BUXTON

Plans for the new year are gradually taking shape. The W.A. intends to have a congregational supper preceding the parish annual meeting and a social hour to follow the meeting. Everyone is looking forward to the evening.

Confirmation classes for adults and young people have been started. The number intending to take instructions is very encouraging.

Another series of bridge and whist drives have been sponsored by the W.A. These evenings are thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, including those who do not play cards but who come for the social side of

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the evening. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Williams have kindly offered us their home in which to hold the series.

Both the Sunday School and choir members enjoyed their Christmas parties during the holidays.

All in all, the new year has brought with it a refreshing spirit of plans eager to be fulfilled, and with God's help we hope to see those plans fulfilled.

ST. PAUL'S, LEDUC

Services are held in St. Paul's on the second and fourth Sundays of each month: Evensong on the second Sunday, Holy Communion on the fourth Sunday.

We are grateful to the Rev. W. T. Elkin, the Rev. A. Elliott and the Rev. R. S. Faulks for conducting services in the past few months.

W.A.: The annual meeting was held at the home of Mrs. C. T. Dickson. Reports presented showed a very successful year. Mrs. C. T. Dickson was appointed treasurer, Mrs. E. Wilkinson, secretary, Mrs. H. Moss agreed to carry on as president. During the past year our membership has dropped, as so many of our church families have left the district. The next meeting of the W.A. will be held at the home of Mrs. N. Wilkinson.

We are sorry to have the Russell Tarney family leave our parish for their new home in Edmonton. Our best wishes go with them.

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ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, GRAND CENTRE

The annual meeting of the church committee was held in the vestry on Friday, December 13th, at 2 p.m., and was opened with prayers read by Mr. Ayres.

Mr. Garden was again unanimously elected chairman and Mr. Howard Lucas as secretary.

During the meeting Mr. Ayres made it definitely known that he and his household would be leaving the district and that he had decided to give two good buildings to the Church if the people of the district would move them free of charge. One of these buildings to be used as a rectory and the other for a barn to be placed on the recreation grounds behind the site of the new hall. It was decided to start on the moving of these buildings immediately. Other decisions reached included the fencing of the recreation grounds; a white picket fence around the new rectory; the ploughing of rectory grounds, etc., etc.

Mr. Ayres made it known that while he was leaving the district he was in no way giving up his connection with the work of the Church at Grand Centre and that both he and his fellow workers would be spending as much time as possible there in the summer of 1947.

The Ladies' Guild of St. Margaret held their annual meeting in the home of Mr. F. W. Brady on December 11th. Mrs. Lucas was again elected president and Mrs. Welsh as secretary. The Guild ladies voted a very nice donation to church funds, and also decided to hold a sale of work at Easter to assist their finances. It was also decided that all future meetings would be held in the

rectory. All members spontaneously supported a resolution to give their wholehearted and continued support to the Church and to any priest that the district might be sufficiently fortunate to have sent to it.

Our Christmas services were held on Sunday, December 16th, when our Bishop came to us for the fourth consecutive Christmas, and celebrated the Holy Eucharist at 11 a.m. This service was followed by a lunch served in the church by the ladies at which the Bishop cut the Christmas cake. The service of Confirmation then took place, at which four adults were confirmed. Evensong followed immediately, and the Bishop then distributed the traditional candy bags to all and sundry.

In retrospect: The rectory now stands on church property due to the unselfish efforts of the good people of the district of Grand Centre, who gave generously of

their time and horses, who cut through two miles of brush to widen the trail sufficiently for the passage of the buildings, and this with the mercury often dipping to forty-five below zero. We must not forget the faithful horses and the little yellow jeep which in the final analyses made the moving possible.

Mr. C. C. Lonsdale and Mr. Howard Lucas have undertaken the job of putting the rectory in shape for habitation, and also the taking of the finishing materials off Mr. Ayres' home to be used wherever needed in the church and rectory.

Confirmed: William Laidlaw, Howard Alexander Lucas, Helen Lucas, Valerie Agnes Altan.

Mr. Ayres made it known that the Diocesan assessment had been paid, that the church's donation to the Edmonton Cathedral Building Fund had been made up in full and that the church was completely free from all debt.

Rural Deanery of Pembina

ST. CATHERINE'S, EDSON

CANON W. DE V. A. HUNT

In connection with the meetings of the Rural Deanery W.A., there was a service, followed by a social evening at the parish hall, at which there was a splendid turnout. A delightful play put on by the small children, under Mrs. Hunt's direction, "The Paymaster," was very well enacted and received. There was some community singing, with Mrs. Buck at the piano and Mr. J. Ball leading. After that the "Drama of Bethlehem" was again performed, and refreshments were served. Visitors were: Miss Onions with two other ladies from Drayton Valley, and Mrs. Warren from Seba Beach. The following day, Mrs. Tackaberry arrived from Edmonton, and the Deanery meeting was held in the afternoon, in the parish hall.

At Christmas a beautiful credence table was installed in the church, in affectionate memory of Mr. James W. Gregg, who for so many years served our Church as Vicar's Warden, People's Warden, and secretary for the Vestry at various times. This table, matching the altar and re-dos, was purchased with voluntary contributions by members of the W.A. and others, and will remain a token of the love and respect in which the late Mr. Gregg was held by us all.

Mr. Gregg was born in County Derry, Ireland, came to this country as a boy and attended Upper Canada College. Always a lover of children, his last years among us were made particularly happy ones by the company of his grandchildren.

The annual meeting of the W.A. was held on Jan. 9th, when the following officers were elected: Mrs. D. Buck, Pres.; Mrs. LeMotte, Vice-Pres.; Sec., Mrs. Armour (re-elected); Treas., Mrs. Tucker (re-elected); Living Message Sec., Mrs. Jellis; Social Service, Mrs. Tucker; Little Helpers, Mrs. White; Senior Girls, Mrs. Hunt; Junior Girls, Mrs. Ball; Prayer Partner, Mrs. Marshall; Educ. Sec., Mrs. Laurence; U.T.O., Mrs. Blue.

BARRHEAD—WESTLOCK

THE REV. D. V. A. BROWNE

The Christmas services at all churches in the parish were well attended. The Carol Service in St. Philip's, Westlock, was held on Christmas eve at 11.30 p.m., with a record attendance—the church being filled to capacity. The Christmas morning service was held at St. Mary's, Barrhead, at 11 a.m. In spite of inclement weather the service was well attended.

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St. Mary's W.A., Barrhead, held their annual bazaar in the town hall, on Saturday, Dec. 14th. The bazaar was officially opened by the Vicar. The ladies were well rewarded for their year's work by the record success of the bazaar.

St. Mary's W.A. held its annual meeting at the home of Mrs. M. Bennett, on Wed., Jan. 8th. There was a good attendance of members and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss Hiida Whittaker; Vice-Pres., Mrs. E. G. Hooper; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. O. Brown; Dorcas Sec., Mrs. Bert Hanson; Little Helpers, Mrs. C. Brindley. Mrs. M. Bennett was appointed to visit the sick in hospital.

Confirmation classes are being held in the vicarage at Barrhead on Thursday evenings, at 8.30 p.m.

Holy Baptism: St. Philip's, Westlock, John Nicholas Byer; Beverley Joan Conkin. St. Mary's, Barrhead, Leslie John Properzi. St. Luke's, Clyde, Ronald Gary Berwick.

ST. LINA

On December 23rd the Bishop held a Confirmation Service and celebrated Holy Communion in the Beaver River School District, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Galway. The candidates were: Donald, Edward and Cecil Griffith of Goodridge, were confirmed and received their first Communion.

We were fortunate to have the Bishop here, while the roads were passable, as the next day, also Christmas Day, it was very stormy with the snow piled high.

A well known young couple, Eric Lea-Wilson and Eunice Clark, of this district, were married at St. Faith's, Edmonton, on December 17th. Overseas, Eric was a truck driver for "King George" but is now driving a truck on his own.

ST. MARY AND ST. GEORGE, JASPER

THE REV. T. C. B. BOON

The Christmas season in Jasper may best be said to have commenced on December 15th, when the Sunday School held its annual White Gift Service. In spite of the bitter morning there was a wonderful attendance, and 52 gifts were sent in to Sister Isabel. At the 11 a.m. choral service the same day those newly confirmed made their first Communion.

The weather decided to be kind to us over Christmas itself and so we enjoyed the mildness. The Carol Service on the evening of December 22nd was well attended and the congregation joined heartily in singing the old favorites, while the choir sang Geoffrey Shaw's "How Far Is It To Bethlehem" very effectively. The midnight Choral Communion was a beautiful service, as usual, but the Christmas morning service itself was the best of them all. It really was a family service in every way. There was a much better attendance this time at the Watch-night Service on New Year's eve.

The Sunday School party on the Friday after Christmas was very jolly, and we

should like to thank all parents and members of the W.A.'s who lent a hand and did so much to make it a success. The parish party on the Monday evening was also a very happy time, and we should like to thank Mr. Snape and Mr. Heckley for their work as "M.C.S." The idea of everyone bringing a box lunch and then making a "pool" of the contributions proved so successful that it will be done again.

We are now in the season of annual meetings. The first one to be held was that of the Senior W.A. on January 8th. It was well attended, the reports were excellent, the financial statement encouraging and we feel optimistic with regard to 1947. The new officers elected were: President, Mrs. W. J. Popey; Vice-Pres., Mrs. M. E. Clark; Sec., Mrs. Frank Reed; Treas., Mrs. W. L. Wachter; Dorcas work, Mrs. S. J. Skett, assisted by Mrs. J. R. Heckley; Social Service, Mrs. M. L. Peterson; Junior Supt., Mrs. M. L. Peterson; Little Helpers, Mrs. J. M. Edenborough; Prayer Partner, Mrs. Boon.

The annual meeting of the Evening Branch W.A. was held on January 13th and again the reports were so good that the work of this group in the future holds great promise of usefulness. The officers elected for 1947 were: Hon. Pres., Miss Ruth Atkinson; Pres., Mrs. S. R. Tchir; Vice-Pres., Mrs. James Ward; Sec., Miss Irene Phay; Treas., Mrs. Roy Fisher; Dorcas work, Mrs. G. E. Prowse and Mrs. R. E. Lewis; Social Service, Mrs. Arthur Andrew; U.T.O., Mrs. C. V. Jeffrey; Educ. Sec., Mrs. Earl Watt; Prayer Partner, Mrs. Boon. Congratulations and thanks must be sincerely accorded to Mrs. Prowse for her work in organizing and leading this group during the past two years.

The Junior Branch of the W.A. is one of which the parish is quite justly proud, and its report shows that once again it has had an excellent year in every way. We should like to offer congratulations to Mrs. Peterson a under loyal assistants, Mrs. McKenzie during the first half of 1946 and Miss Bernice Thrasher during the latter half. The annual meeting of the Juniors was held before Christmas; and the officers elected for 1947 are: Pres., Lenore Clark; Vice-Pres., Dorothy Peterson; Sec., Margaret Morrow; Treas., Donna Seward. Glenda Church has been appointed as Banner Bearer, this being an award for merit. Secretary for the Junior Living Message, Primrose Heckley.

Marriage: January 15th, John Corrans, of Jasper, to Margaret Mabel Pinnington, of Victoria, B.C.

ST. JOHN'S, ONOWAY

CANON J. C. MATTHEWS

The Christmas service was well attended and the church with flowers and decorations seemed to offer welcome and worship to the Holy Child.

On St. Stephen's Day I went to Calahoo with Mr. Turnbull where we had a Christmas communion in the home of Mr. Rose.

A very beautiful missal has been presented to St. John's Church by Mrs. H. Hiscox. It is to be dedicated at the morning service on January 19th.

The annual meeting of the W.A. was held on Thursday, January 9th. The balance sheet showed a splendid amount of money raised during the year. \$100 was donated toward the Rectory Building Fund.

The following officers were elected for 1947: President, Mrs. Mills; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Parker; Sec.-Treas., Miss Turnbull; J.W.A., Miss Turnbull; Little Helpers, Mrs. Dales; Prayer Partner, Mrs. Parker; Altar Guild, Mrs. Carson and Miss Turnbull; Educ. Sec., Mrs. Bromley.

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ST. SAVIOUR'S, VERMILION

THE VEN. W. LEVERSEDGE

The annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at the rectory on Thursday, January 9th. Reports given by the various enterprises were received with much satisfaction. The report given by the Secretary was outstanding.

Officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Pres., Mrs. W. Leversedge; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. R. Robson; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. A. Sinclair; Sec., Mrs. A. V. Smith; Treas., Mrs. H. Reid; Little Helpers, Mrs. Buckingham; U.T.O., Mrs. C. Hodgson; Dorcas and Prayer Partner, Miss G. Bury; Educational, Mrs. G. Williams; Living Message Sec., Mrs. A. G. Sinclair.

The Happy Hour Group report a very satisfactory year, and are making plans for continued activity. Officers for the year are as follows: Pres., Mrs. Lorne Pockett; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. C. Spencer; Vice-Pres., Mrs. W. Fooks.

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, CLANDONALD

THE REV. W. J. BRANT

The annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the church was held in the vicarage on Wednesday, January 8th. After all the reports had been read for the past year, we were very glad to find out that it had been the best in the history of the church. Giving great credit to the president and all her willing helpers. The following officers were elected for the year: President, Mrs. F. Hartwell; Vice-Pres., Mrs. W. Currie; Sec., Mrs. C. Stockwell; Treas., Mrs. T. Soudor; Dorcas Sec., Mrs. W. Seal; Living Message, Mrs. C. White; Little Helpers, Mrs. W. Brant; Junior W.A. Leader, Mrs. W. Seal.

The W.A. bazaar, held a short time ago, proved to be a very successful one, making the sum of \$235.00. The members wish to thank all who gave of their time and goods to make it such a great success.

They also wish to thank those who from far-away districts sent their gifts to help.

This year many improvements are to be done to the church and the vicarage. It is hoped that all will again rally around the president and make the year of 1947 the biggest and best yet.

The Junior W.A., under Mrs. Seal, held a bazaar which also proved a great success.

Baptism: David Richard Graham Dixon.

The scholars of the Sunday School held their Christmas tree, when Santa Claus presented to each scholar gifts, also a bag of candy, chocolate and nuts. Carols were sung, recitations, etc., were given. Mrs. Brant and Miss M. McLeod rendered a duet, "He Liveth." Doris Stockwell, Wanda Simpson, Wilma Simpson and Jerry Simpson received special presents for their memory work. Anthony Dixon received the present for the most regular attendance.

We are glad to say that the church is a great deal warmer since it was insulated. It also looks very much brighter since the coat of paint was given to it.

ST. JOHN'S, KITSCOTY

On Sunday, January 5th, the Bishop came and we held a beautiful Confirmation Service. Five candidates were confirmed in the presence of a large congregation. They were Jean and Doreen Potter, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Potter; Doris and May Potter, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Potter; and Beth Tyler, daughter of Mr. Ed. Tyler. We regret Mr. Brant was unable to be present on account of sickness. After the service a little get-together was held at the home of Mrs. Apperson, where the Bishop was able to meet some of the parishioners and the candidates.

The Bishop had also held services that day at Blackfoot and Islay, where good congregations were present.

On Monday morning at 8.30 a.m. the five girls made their first communion, and six adults were also in attendance. We should like to see more people attend the Holy Communion Service when we have one so seldom.

We had our annual W.A. bazaar in December and realized about \$136. As there are only ten active members, we are patting ourselves on the back, as we think the result of our efforts is quite outstanding.

On January 9th we had our W.A. annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Sheppard. All the officers were re-elected: President, Mrs. Bob. Fox; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Apperson; Sec., Mrs. Seabrook; Dorcas, Mrs. Joy; Little Helpers' Sec., Mrs. Alex. Potter.

From now on it has been decided that we shall definitely have a service on the first Sunday in each month. Come and swell the congregation!

CHRIST CHURCH, MANNVILLE

THE REV. V. P. COLE

The Sunday School Christmas party was held in the parish hall on the evening of Friday, December 20th. The pupils had a short programme, including two short plays and several recitations. After the programme gifts and candies were distributed among the children. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

The Carol Service on Sunday, December 22nd, was very well attended. Both the Senior and Junior Choirs are to be commended for their beautiful renditions of the Christmas music.

There was a celebration of Holy Communion at 11 a.m. Christmas morning.

The annual meeting of Christ Church W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Rutherford, on Wednesday, Jan. 15th. The reports on last year's work were read and then followed election of officers. The officers for 1947 are as follows: Hon. Pres., Mrs. V. P. Cole; Pres., Mrs. A. E. Williams; 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. E. Mercer; 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. W. Slee; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. R. Bennett; Little Helpers' Sec., Mrs. R. Whitson; Dorcas Sec., Mrs. Rutherford; Junior W.A. Sec., Mrs. V. P. Cole; Sick Comm. Sec., Mr. P. Johnston; Prayer Partner, Mrs. V. P. Cole.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Rutherford served a delicious lunch.

ST. ALBAN'S, CHAILEY

The annual W.A. meeting and Christmas party was held Dec. 21st, with every member present. Our church obligations were met in full. A bazaar was arranged for Easter. Reports on the year's work was given, also the financial standing reviewed. It was found that during the six years of organization the incoming receipts have been greater each year. Plans for 1947 were tabled until the January meeting, as time was short. The following officers were elected: Pres., Mrs. I. Cornish; Vice-Pres., Mrs. I. Norman; Sec.-Treas., Kathleen Sutton; Finance Committee, Mesdames A. Scott, I. Saint and M. Cornish; Auditors, Mesdames A. Scott and M. Thomas.

Christmas Holy Communion was celebrated on Dec. 22nd, with a good attendance. Due to road conditions no service has been held since.



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Rural Deanery of Wainwright

WAINWRIGHT

Christmas was a happy season at St. Thomas' Church. There was a choral celebration at 10 a.m. and our church was well filled. The choir added greatly to the beauty of this "sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving" which we offered to God on the Birthday of His Only-Begotten Son.

Christmas celebrations were said on the fourth Sunday in Advent at Edgerton, Rosemoyne and Heath: Christmas Communion was celebrated at Irma on the first Sunday after Christmas, which was still in the festive season of Nativity of our Lord. All these services were well attended and the presence of God was closely felt in each one of them.

St. Thomas' W.A. held its annual meeting Tuesday, January 7th, in the parish hall. Mrs. Akwright was unanimously re-elected as President for another year. (At the time of writing Mrs. Akwright is nursing a painful broken arm which she got when she fell down on the icy roads. We all wish her a speedy recovery. Mrs. Hart was elected as Secretary again because of her faithful service. Mrs. C. Alexander was elected to fill the office of Vice-President. All the other offices were filled by capable and faithful members of St. Thomas' W.A. Our best wishes go out to them all in this coming year.

St. Thomas' A.Y.P.A. is still going strong! Soon we shall elect our permanent officers for the coming year and then we shall advance. Our sincere thanks go out to Mr. R. Wilkins and Miss E. Armishaw who temporarily accepted the offices of president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, until the elections of officers in January.

St. Thomas' Sunday School is slowly but surely growing. This increase is especially noticeable in the primary class which is taught by Mrs. O. G. Griffiths. We wish to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs. J. Sutherland to our list of teachers. The Sunday School now meets at 11 a.m., with the adults in church; it then retires during the hymn before the sermon, to the parish hall for classes.

The parish is looking forward with enthusiasm to welcoming the Rev. F. Smith into it as its rector. We trust that Mr. Smith's incumbency here will be a happy and blessed one.

HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD

The annual meeting of the W.A. was held in the church hall on Thursday, Jan. 9th, with eight members present. After the usual devotionals the various reports were given. These were the Secretary-Treasurers', Little Helpers' and Sunday School reports; also Dorcas and Social Service, Prayer Partner, Living Message, Thankoffering, etc. Mr. Orme expressed his thanks to the members for the excellent reports which were given in the right spirit and stated Tofield was one of the best W.A.'s in his ministry. The following officers were elected: President, Miss L. Baptist; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Tom Sutherland; Dorcas and Social Service, Mrs. W. J. Bailey; Prayer Partner, Mrs. C. Baptist; Ed. Sec., Mrs. Orme; Little Helpers,

Thankoffering and Living Message Sec., Mrs. J. W. Robinson.

During the month of December some of the older Sunday School scholars have been meeting every two weeks on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. to practice singing. Mr. C. Holmes has been the organist and Mrs. Orme has been busy overhauling the surplices, etc. Mrs. Robinson was asked to assist at the practices and Mrs. Garford at the annual meeting of the W.A. undertook to assist as well. This is the beginning of a Junior Choir. The Vicar has also been in attendance at these practices; so ere long, if the present enthusiasm keeps up, our newly organized choir should be on a permanent basis. Their first public appearance was on Dec. 29th, at 3 p.m., when a special carol service was held in the church. For this service and for the Christmas Day service at 11 a.m., with Choral Holy Communion and Christmas hymns and carols. The church was tastefully decorated with spruce, holly, etc., by a few W.A. ladies. The Christmas Day service was well attended and there were many family reunions at that service. We were especially pleased to see Ralph Bailey, who was able to come from Esquimalt, B.C., for Christmas. Ralph is a former Sunday School scholar, choir boy and Junior member. A few of our regular communicants were unable to attend through sickness. We missed them and hope they will soon be well again.

It was recently brought to our attention of the death of a former minister, Rev. Washburn, who served here for a short period at the beginning of the church's history. Mr. Orme mentioned his passing away and a special memorial prayer was used on Christmas Day.

Time, date and place of church services:
Tofield: Feb. 9th, 11 a.m.; 23rd, 3 p.m.
Viking: Feb. 2nd, 11 a.m.; 16th, 7.30 p.m.
Rodino: Feb. 16th, 3 p.m.
Kinsella: Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m.

Lindbrook: Feb. 9th 3 p.m.; 23rd, 11 a.m.
Diocesan Synod—Feb. 11th, 12th and 13th. It is important that every point in the missions be represented at this Synod.

Lent starts on Feb. 19th. Mid-week Lenten Services will be announced in church.

Kinsella services will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ian Daniels, and combined with Rodino on those Sundays.

ST. MATTHEW'S, VIKING

A beautiful and impressive service was held on St. Andrew's Day, quite a number of our members attended, and the service was conducted by Mrs. Child, secretary of the W.A.

There was a very good attendance at the midnight service on Christmas eve at 11.30. Communion was celebrated at 12 o'clock and carols were sung. The church was tastefully decorated with holly and evergreens and the altar very beautiful with chrysanthemums and ferns and tall tapers. Our thanks are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Black for their kindness in decorating for this special occasion.

The annual meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milne on

Jan. 9th, with 14 members present, three of which were new, and cordially welcomed by all. Officers for 1947 are as follows: President, Mrs. H. Child; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Lawes; Sec., Mrs. Scott; Treas., Mrs. R. Smith; Dorcas Sec., Mrs. Ed. Evans. It was decided to hold a bridge and whist drive in the parish hall January 31st—further particulars next month. The next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Meredith.

ST. MARY'S, EDGERTON

We hope it is not too late to wish readers a Happy New Year!

Our Christmas Communion Service, which was conducted by the Rev. H. G. Brant, was held on Sunday, Dec. 22nd, at 11 a.m. Attendance was not a record by any means and we missed several who are usually present, but probably this was due to the continued irregularity of services in this parish.

A hearty "thank you" is certainly due to Mrs. J. I. Sawyer for her tasteful decorations of fresh holly with a profusion of berries, for the Christmas services; as it added an extra touch of cheerful colour to one of the most joyous festivals in the Church year.

The ministrations of Mr. Brant have been very greatly appreciated, the few times he has been able to give us services. Should time and roads permit it is hoped that he will attend one or two choir practices, so that all concerned may derive some benefit from his musical knowledge. We feel sure he could help greatly.

We had expected to be able to give some details of annual meetings, but none have been held to this date.

It is now 22 months since we have had a permanent resident priest, and this, plus the loss of several staunch supporters, is making it hard for the faithful few to keep things going, and prevent complete loss of interest. Meantime, our comfortable rectory is in good hands, and helping to finish paying for itself; whilst waiting for its rightful occupant, whom we hope soon to welcome.

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CAMROSE

THE REV. A. WALLIS

We had our W.A. corporate communion service on St. Andrew's Day, at 8.30 a.m., when our Bishop was the celebrant, assisted by the Rector. This was followed by a service for the J.W.A., when four of them graduated to the Girls' Auxiliary. The president of the W.A. presented cards of membership to Shirley Bradley, Barbara Howarth and Eleanor and Shirley Lomas. The short service is beautiful, and Youth is the Church's hope of the future.

The girls had a jolly Christmas party at the home of their leader. Preceding the Carol Service in the church they gave a little missionary Nativity play in costume.

The Sunday School Christmas tree party was a happy affair as usual.

The midnight Choral Communion Service on Christmas eve was well attended, bringing its own "awe and reverence"—all the sacred memories of the past crowded in to bless our new church.

We re-elected some of the officers, and made some new ones. It was a happy meeting and we promised to loyally support those who offered to lead our affairs. Its up to us—"what can we offer to a Christ grown-up?"

President, Mrs. L. Murrant; VicePres., Mrs. H. Bradley; Sec., Mrs. R. Fuller; Treas., Mrs. N. Blades; Dorcas Sec., Mrs. R. W. Campbell; Little Helpers' Sec., Mrs. Bob Burrows. We asked Mrs. Grafton to be our Educational Secretary again this year. As a W.A., our hearts should be

more attuned to this part of our program, its one of the things we should offer. Miss J. Roper will continue as Living Message Secretary; Miss M. Studholme is Girls' Leader, and the W.A. gave her a vote of thanks for her work among the young people.

Holy Matrimony: Ian Laing to Amelia Jane Nicloux.

Burial: William Henry Wall.

ST. DUNSTAN'S, BITTERN LAKE

The W.A. held their annual meeting December 19th at the home of Mrs. Butcher. Very satisfactory reports were presented, the Treasurer's showing that all obligations had been met, with a substantial balance on hand. All officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Christmas morning there was a celebration of Holy Communion at 11 o'clock.

The Sunday School Christmas party, Jan. 3rd, seemed to be much enjoyed. The Rev. A. and Mrs. Wallis and the Lomas girls, who until recently were members of this Sunday School, attended from Camrose.

This year the presentation of a G.B.R.E. prize to Eleanor Lomas was a very happy little incident during the afternoon.

ST. JOHN'S, MILLET

THE REV. S. J. BELL

The Guild held a whist drive at the home of the president, Mrs. W. Ross, on Dec. 28th. Those who braved the cold report an enjoyable time.

The annual meeting of the parish is to be held on Jan. 22nd. We hope to give the report in the next issue of "The Churchman."

We are pleased to have Mrs. Maggs and her choir of Wetaskiwin take part in the service on January 5th.

We are sorry to report that Mr. E. C. Baker is a patient in the military hospital, Edmonton.

ST. MARY'S, PONOKA

THE REV. F. A. PEAKE

It was good to see how well the Christmas services were attended. On one evening before the A.Y.P.A. had been very busy decorating the church, and at the midnight Eucharist the altar which they presented was solemnly dedicated.

The Carol Service held on Dec. 22nd was also very well attended, and followed the pattern of the ancient "Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols," with members of the Sunday School reading some of the lessons and singing three of the carols. Mr. W. J. Young presided at the organ.

The Sunday School concert was held on Dec. 23rd, and items were provided by the pupils. The Vicar was pressed into service as chairman and pianist. The Sunday School is, we are glad to report, flourishing greatly and the available space in church and hall is quite inadequate. All the teachers have now completed the Old Testament unit of the Teacher Training Course.

We were very grateful to the Rev. the Rector of Wetaskiwin, and to Mr. R. T. Clennett, of the University of Alberta, for taking services on Dec. 29th.

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